

NEW RECORD FOR HOLIDAY SELLING

M. & K. Experiencing Banner Week in History of the Establishment.

IS FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Ell Mosenfelder Explains Growth of Store Gained Through Winning Public Confidence.

The shop early spirit has seized the people of Rock Island this season as it has never done before, judging by the volume of business handled by local stores up to the present.

"In one department alone we had more sales in six days than we had in the whole month of December of last year," declared Ell Mosenfelder of the M. & K. today. "I have observed, too, that many of the shoppers have their minds pretty well made up what they wish to purchase. They read the advertising announcements of the stores more thoroughly and carefully than in former years."

"When we tell our patrons through the columns of the newspaper that we have certain merchandise at a stated price, they have come to understand

that we mean just what we say. I have insisted in our published announcements that nothing but facts be given. Misrepresentation in advertising eventually is paid for by the merchant who does not deal fairly with the public.

"But I didn't mean to deliver a sermon on advertising. What I wished to say is that the M. & K. is enjoying an unprecedented trade. So far our store has done the greatest holiday business in its history. The present week, judging by the daily sales, will break all records for the establishment."

"We find our patrons are coming from a gradually expanding territory, too. For instance, in ladies' wear, in which I may be pardoned in asserting our store does not have to take a back seat for any establishment in the country, we are not alone attracting the attention of the women at home. They are coming to us from all over the tri-cities and from towns many miles distant."

Not Going to Large Cities. "Many of these people formerly thought they had to go to a large city to get what they wanted. We have succeeded in changing their minds. Also, our prices can be made more reasonable because of the smaller overhead expense compared with that of the store in the larger cities, where the rentals are excessive."

The M. & K. store, throughout its three floors, is appropriately decorated for the Christmas season.

BIG RUSH IS ON FOR POSTOFFICE

Tons of Parcels Are Being Handled Without Congestion by Efficient Force.

CREST OF FLOOD TOMORROW

Total of 4,500 Outgoing Packages Passed Through Hands of Clerks Yesterday.

The busiest place in town these days is the postoffice. While as a result of the extensive and systematic campaign of education, on the "mail-early" proposition, the movement of holiday parcels post both in and out of the Rock Island postoffice has been on for a week, the load has been steadily increasing, and yesterday it ceased to be a matter of parcels and pounds, but the mail in the aggregate that passed in and out of the local postoffice mounted into tons, the number of outgoing packages being 4,500 for the day, while probably half that number constituted the delivery by carriers and parcel post conveyances.

All the postal stations are doing a fine business, and auto trucks are kept busy conveying the bulky, heavy sacks to the main office.

Avoid Congestion. In the main office the forces have managed to keep ahead of the rush, and thus avoid a congestion. Through the splendid system of cooperation, to which all the departments are contributing, there has been no jam or confusion, and Postmaster Simpson and Assistant Postmaster Olson stated today that there would be no congestion. They said they had not the least misgivings as to the capability and capacity of the clerks and carriers to handle promptly everything that might come.

The crest of the outgoing flood is expected some time tomorrow, when the load will automatically transfer itself to the city division, which is already overloaded, and it is not anticipated there will be any respite there until after Christmas.

Additional auto trucks were placed in service this morning, and the reserve forces of substitutes called in.

TO SIGN TREATY OF PEACE TODAY

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 22. — A peace treaty between organized baseball and the Federal league, one that will bring an end to a two-year war that has proved disastrous to both organizations, is expected to be signed here today.

No official statement was issued at the conclusion of the meetings of the representatives of organized ball and the Federal league last night and, officially, it is only known that the Chicago National league club will be sold to Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federal league club and that the St. Louis Americans will be bought by Phil Ball of St. Louis.

However, semi-officially it is known that at present no other changes in the control and management of other clubs of the National and American leagues will take place.

Other than the purchase of the Cubs and the St. Louis Browns it is semi-

Only 2 More Shopping Days—Then Christmas—Shop Early

Store Open Evenings From Now Till Christmas

NEW YORK STORE

Fifth Avenue, Moline, Ill.

PIERR & CO.

Phone Moline 1208

Store Open Evenings From Now Till Christmas

Stirring Scenes at the Gift Store—A Veritable Elysium for Xmas Buyers

This year's Holiday business has surpassed all previous successes. Undoubtedly the values we offer in Christmas suggestions of all kinds are responsible for our marvelous prosperity, in spite of the great quantity of Xmas merchandise already disposed of we have still a full stock for you to choose from. Our only advice to you is to shop early.

Gloves Solve the Gift Problem!

We throw down the gauntlet to everybody on the strength of the variety and excellence of the gloves we carry for men, women and children. The gift question easily solved—buy gloves.



Women's Reliable Kid Gloves, several known makes in the latest styles and colors, boxed complete in holiday gift boxes, attractively priced at per pair \$4 down to

\$1.00

Women's Washable Cape Gloves in colors, white, tans, greys and champagne, per pair from \$1.50 down to

\$1.00

Men's Kid and Mocha Gloves, silk lined or unlined, boxed complete pair from \$1.50 down to \$1.00.

—MAIN FLOOR

Dozens of Helpful Hints in Handkerchiefs

Women's Emerald Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered or initialed, three in a dainty gift box, the box.....

25c

Women's Pure Linen Embroidered and Initialed handkerchiefs, boxes of three, per box from \$1.00 down to

35c

Children's Christmas handkerchiefs, initialed, embroidered or plain, novelty baskets and boxes of three each.....

15c

—MAIN FLOOR

Everybody Likes Slippers

Hundreds of men, women and children will be delighted with gifts of slippers chosen at the New York store—Quality the best.



Women's felt lace shoes, patent or plain toes, all sizes, pair \$1.25, \$1.49 and.....

\$1.00

Women's house slippers in felt or kid, all sizes, pair \$1.50, \$1.25 and.....

98c

Children's red felt Julietts, all sizes: From 5 to 8, pair.....

79c

From 8 1/2 to 11 1/2, all.....

85c

From 11 1/2 to 2, pair.....

98c

J. H. Keefe, the shoe man, in charge.

—MAIN FLOOR

NEW WAISTS for Christmas Gifts

Silk, Lace and Gorgette Crepe Waists, with high or low neck and long sleeves, all new styles, prices range from \$5.95 down to.....

\$1.25

—SECOND FLOOR

Clerks' Xmas Tree

A gift from the firm to every employe in the store.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree loaded with gifts now on display. The firm take this means of celebrating a record holiday trade, and to show appreciation of the loyal, strenuous service rendered by every employe in the house. The gifts are to be distributed by Santa Claus to the clerks after the store closes Christmas Eve.

Handsome Gift Fixings for Men

If you have been puzzling your head what to give him this Christmas, visit our men's section. Our stocks are large and varied enough for you to make a selection with ease.

Silk four-in-hand ties, each in a holly gift box, \$1, 75c, 50c and.....

25c

Combination Sets—Tie, hose and handkerchief to match—boxed complete.....

\$1.00

Combination Sets—Belt, Cigarette case, match box and cigarette tube.....

95c

Suspenders and Hose Supporter in sets of the stick pin and clasp in sets, boxed complete, the set.....

49c



Gift Leather Goods Appreciable Presents

Brain Leather and Pin Seal Strap Purse, prices range from \$3.50 down to.....

49c

Leather Handbags—Pin Seal, Grain Leather, Morocco, etc., some with small coin purse, others vanity fitted, ranging in price from \$5.50 down to.....

98c

New Egyptian Leather Handbags, handsomely embossed in novelty effects; sphinx and other designs ranging in price from \$17.50 down to.....

\$2.50

Genuine Cowhide Suit Cases, some fitted, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$4.50 and.....

\$3.98



Toyland—Dolls, Toys and Games in Wonderful Array

Toyland on our Third Floor is indeed fairyland—Here you will find every imaginable kind of doll, toy, or game. Hundreds and hundreds of gift things, all of which will find their way to the children of this vicinity between now and Christmas Eve. Make your selections early while the assortments are at their best:

Meccano, the original construction toy, from \$35 down to \$1.00.

Bradley's Water Color Paints and outfits from \$1.00 down to 10c.

Large 22 and 24 inch full jointed and partly jointed dolls with sewed wigs, regular \$1.69 values special at 98c.

Shooflies and Hobby Horses from \$8.00 down to 49c.

Bradley's Games and Novelties \$2.00 down to 5c.

Combination Blackboards and writing sets, \$2 down to 25c.

Iron Wagons for boys from \$2.00 down to 10c.

Miniature Railroads, locomotives are guaranteed by makers; from \$3.50 down to 98c.

—THIRD FLOOR

NEW YORK STORE | PIERR & CO. | NEW YORK STORE | PIERR & CO. | NEW YORK STORE

Furniture for the Christmas Gift

Every piece moderately priced and a most worthy gift at Christmas, and judging from present sales, our furniture is going to be extremely popular as gifts.

Leather Upholstered Chairs, Rockers and Davenport come as most desirable gift articles, first because they always find a welcome and second because they stand as a generation reminder of the one who gives.

Our displays of these practical pieces offer you an exceptional opportunity to select desirable styles.

Reclining Chairs always seem a most appropriate gift for "dad" or some older member of the family.

The Premier Talking Machine is a gift which everyone in the family will delight in. The Premier plays any record.

ODD PIECES

Chairs to match your other furnishings, or a table or stand makes a gift which cannot fail to please the recipient. A Desk for her is another gift idea that is certain to be a worth-while suggestion.



Pedestals, Hall Mirrors, Hall Trees, Hall Clocks, Ladies' Desks, Book Cases, Library Tables, Muffin Stands, Lamps, Book Blocks.

Cedar Chests, Toilet Tables, Telephone Stands, Sewing Tables, Card Tables, Tea Trays, Tea Wagons, Smokers' Stands, Cellarettes, Foot Stools, Taborettes.

A Store You'll Like
IGOLA
FURNITURE & CARPET CO

officially known that the Federal league will respect and carry out all of its existing contracts with its players; that all "contract jumpers" who have not otherwise been provided for, will be declared free agents, and that the Ward interests in the Federal league will be reimbursed.

According to the men who are holding the conference here, the only things to be settled are minor details concerning the International league, and it was said today that the work of straightening out these details would only require a few hours.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL FOR MOLINE VISITOR

John Larson smashed a showcase in the Northwestern saloon, Moline, last night, according to complaint made against him by a bartender there, and this morning agreed to pay all damages on condition he not be sent to jail. Damages amounted to \$7.90, however, which was more money than Larson possessed. He was sent to the county jail for 10 days, but hopes to be able to borrow enough from friends before tomorrow to secure his release. Larson is said to be a resident of Cambridge.

Al Gould went to sleep last night on the curb near Eighteenth street B and Twenty-third avenue, Moline. He was assessed \$2.80 by Magistrate Frank Gustafson on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Maccabees Hold Meeting. Blackhawk tent, No. 146, of the Maccabees held a meeting Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. W. T. Clark, commander of the tent, and also state deputy commander, was recently at a meeting of the supreme officers held in the Medinah temple at Chicago and he gave a full report of the meeting last night to the members of the local tent. The next meeting of the tent, which will be Jan. 4, at which several new members will be initiated, will be a smoker and special entertainment is being arranged.

MAJESTIC

Big Triangle Program Tonight and Thursday.

Ten Reels.

DOROTHY GISH,

made famous by "The Birth of a Nation," in

"OLD HEIDELBERG,"

five-reel drama. Roscoe Arbuckle, Keystone comedy, in

"FICKLE FATTY'S FALL"

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Prices..... 10c and 15c

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10c Today. Five Big Reels. 10c

Edwin Thanhouwer presents Isolda Dillon, Hector Dion and George Mario, in

"The Crimson Sabre," a feature drama in two parts. Also a Mutual Weekly, No. 50.

"Tangle in Hearts," a comedy.

SATURDAY. World's greatest emotional actress, Ethel Barrymore, in

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Sunday and Monday. Lyman H. Howe

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A Pathe Natural Hand-Colored Picture Featuring Mr. Edwin Arden

The Celebrated Actor, in "The Beloved Vagabond"

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The Wickedest Woman on the Screen, in "The Galley Slave"

An Astonishingly Powerful Photoplay Don't fail to see this picture. Make your reservations early. Prices 10c and 15c; Children 10c; Boxes 25c. Phone Rock Island, 701.

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